Review: the economic history of Douglass North

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For Marxists, communists and historians, Douglas North (Nobel Memorial Prize in economics) is an interesting figure for multiple reasons :

- a Marxist after the War, "although ... not a member of or associated with the Communist Party" (p. 31).

- a historical economist / economic historian.

- a graduate from UC Berkeley (being the United State's leading public university).

Krul does not use the correct terminology of Nobel Memorial Prize in economics – possibly is not aware of the peculiar history of the award – but makes the perceptive and intelligent remark "Nobel Prize in economics, one of only two economic historians to do so" (vi). "He remains with Robert Fogel the only winner of the Nobel Prize in economics for historical work" (p. 226).

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